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CHRISTMAS FOR PHILADELPHIA SOLDIERS IN GERMAN PRISON CAMPS WHEN a man is captured by the enemy, said a soldier who knew by experience whereof he spoke, "he feels that he is up against the end of the world."

THE VOTERS KNOW BETTER COMPLETE election returns from Maine are available, are encouraging to those disgusted with the attempt of certain leaders to create the impression among the voters that the election of a Republican Congress would be regarded by the Kaiser as a triumph for him.

THE VOTERS KNOW BETTER (Continued) The sensible voters know better. They know that both Republicans and Democrats—in other words, all the people—are determined to lick the Kaiser.

THE VOTERS KNOW BETTER (Continued) The complete returns from the congressional districts showed 14,285, against 12,389 in 1916, a phenomenal year, when the vote is larger than at any other time.

THE VOTERS KNOW BETTER (Continued) The reports from the other New England States indicate that they will resume their Republicanism this year, unfringed by the charge that a vote for any Democrat is a vote against winning.

THE WAR'S NEW PHASE Destruction of the Hindenburg Line substitutes Net Gains for the Mere Attonement of Past Mistakes FOR the first time since the period preceding the German thunderbolt of March 21 last, a week has been completed in which civilization's major gains in western Europe have meant something more than the cancellation of the mistakes and disasters of the spring and early summer.

THE WAR'S NEW PHASE (Continued) While it was evident that the Hun could not crush civilization, that the Hun himself could be crushed was still debatable. Until the Drocourt-Queant switch was crossed by the English the possibility of a stalemate had to be faced.

THE WAR'S NEW PHASE (Continued) The crisis has been met and overcome. With the exception of a small strip of territory between the Aisne and Ailette Rivers, all the losses of this year have been nullified, and Germany is not being merely parried, but defeated.

THE WAR'S NEW PHASE (Continued) Towns Hun-held since 1914 have been taken. The Hindenburg line is in the rear of many thousands of the troops of freedom. The Teuton stalemate program is archaic. Acts on the new payroll are being so rapidly that the forecast becomes breathless in keeping up with the march of events.

THE WAR'S NEW PHASE (Continued) The almost complete envelopment of Cambrai is, therefore, highly indicative that this stronghold, for which the Germans have fought more doggedly than for any position since July 18, soon will be abandoned. Withdrawal from Cambrai, added to the effect of evacuating St. Quentin, will lend a menacing sharpness to the salient which the French are driving into St. Gobain forest.

THE WAR'S NEW PHASE (Continued) There is a chance that these movements—the former with its potentiality for compelling the surrender of Lille, Ostend and Zeebrugge and the latter with its opportunity of ascending the Meuse—may act as pincers on the whole German battlefield in France. In that case, a German retreat on a huge scale would be inevitable.

THE WAR'S NEW PHASE (Continued) More imminent than that, however, would seem to be the direct fruits of the destruction of the Hindenburg line in the center of that part of its course which runs roughly north and south. General Rawlinson's army already is on the edge of open country between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

about a new Hun strategy on the lines of the Scheldt and the Meuse depends upon the duration of Ludendorff's present mood of antagonism to facts. His realization of the situation may greatly alter the character of the war and cause it to last beyond our hopes for its termination.

WEED OUT THE CHAIRWARMERS BEFORE INCREASING PAY COUNCILMAN FINLEY'S resolution providing for an increase in pay of city employees of 5, 10 and 15 per cent is a recognition of the obligation of the city to pay a fair wage to those who work for it.

WEED OUT THE CHAIRWARMERS (Continued) The Finance Committee of Councils will find it difficult to get the money to pay the proposed increases unless it turns its back on politics and applies sound business principles to the problem. The City Hall holds many chairwarmers, not the one by the politicians. They could not hold their jobs a week under an efficient business administration.

WEED OUT THE CHAIRWARMERS (Continued) A saving effected in this way would provide money not only to pay part of the proposed increases to the ordinary city employees, but to the policemen and firemen as well, and reduce by several hundred thousand dollars the sum that must be raised by a tax.

WEED OUT THE CHAIRWARMERS (Continued) It is not too much to expect of those in authority to rise to the occasion in this great crisis and act for once with the prudent wisdom that the conditions demand.

WEED OUT THE CHAIRWARMERS (Continued) Our boys are on the way to Berlin, but they cannot get there unless we buy enough Liberty Bonds to pay for their through ticket.

WEED OUT THE CHAIRWARMERS (Continued) PRESERVE YOUR BALLOT PRIVILEGE TODAY is the last call for delinquents to register for the privilege of voting at the fall election. The process is extremely simple. It consists in answering a few identification questions and in signing one's name.

WEED OUT THE CHAIRWARMERS (Continued) The Kaiser's dream is fast becoming a nightmare. THE DUTY OF THE HOUR THINK, talk, act and feel as if the war had just begun. The war is not over. Buy bonds. You will be the richer anyway.

WEED OUT THE CHAIRWARMERS (Continued) The local and State Boards of Education are planning to ask the General Assembly to pass a law which will permit an increase of 25 per cent in the pay of school teachers. Every teacher hopes that the law will be passed. The rest of you know that it ought to be.

VIRTUE MADE EASY Being an Inevitably Economical Love Ditty of the "Gripping" Moment I'D TAKE you to a show tonight, Also your maiden aunt; But, notwithstanding the delight, I can't.

VIRTUE MADE EASY (Continued) I'd like to take loan rallies in And sing and shout and pant; But, though I'm keen for bands and din, I can't.

VIRTUE MADE EASY (Continued) I'd like to see the movies whirl With you (whom none supplant); But, though you are my only girl, I can't.

VIRTUE MADE EASY (Continued) There's scarcely anything I would Not do, my debutante, For you, but, be it understood, I can't. H. T. CRAVEN.

VINDICATION The closing order issued to the saloons by the State Department of Health as a measure to stop the spread of grip shows that the influenza germ has been libeled. Since the germ has a boney-dry tendency no one can ever say again that it was "made in Germany."

DON'T RECALL THE HORRID PAST Tanks, it appears, are figuring largely in the wreck of the Hindenburg line. Cables say they "are terrible to see" and that they "spread destruction everywhere." Tanks used to have these same characteristics in the old days, when their motive power was alcohol.

MR. BRYAN? WHO IS HE? One cannot but regret that the influenza epidemic will prevent William J. Bryan from delivering an address which was advertised for Sunday at Reading. Now we shall probably never know whether the Nebraska sage is ready to turn the plowshares into swords.

OR "LET ME DOWN EASY" The peace offer which the Kaiser is preparing will be involved, wordy and voluminous, no doubt. But its aim and its meaning may easily be put into three words: "Let me up!"

WE THINK NOT We think not that poverty adds to the woes of grip. Are there any woes that poverty doesn't add to? Who said there is a shortage of food in Germany? The Huns everywhere seem to be eating their heads off in anxiety.

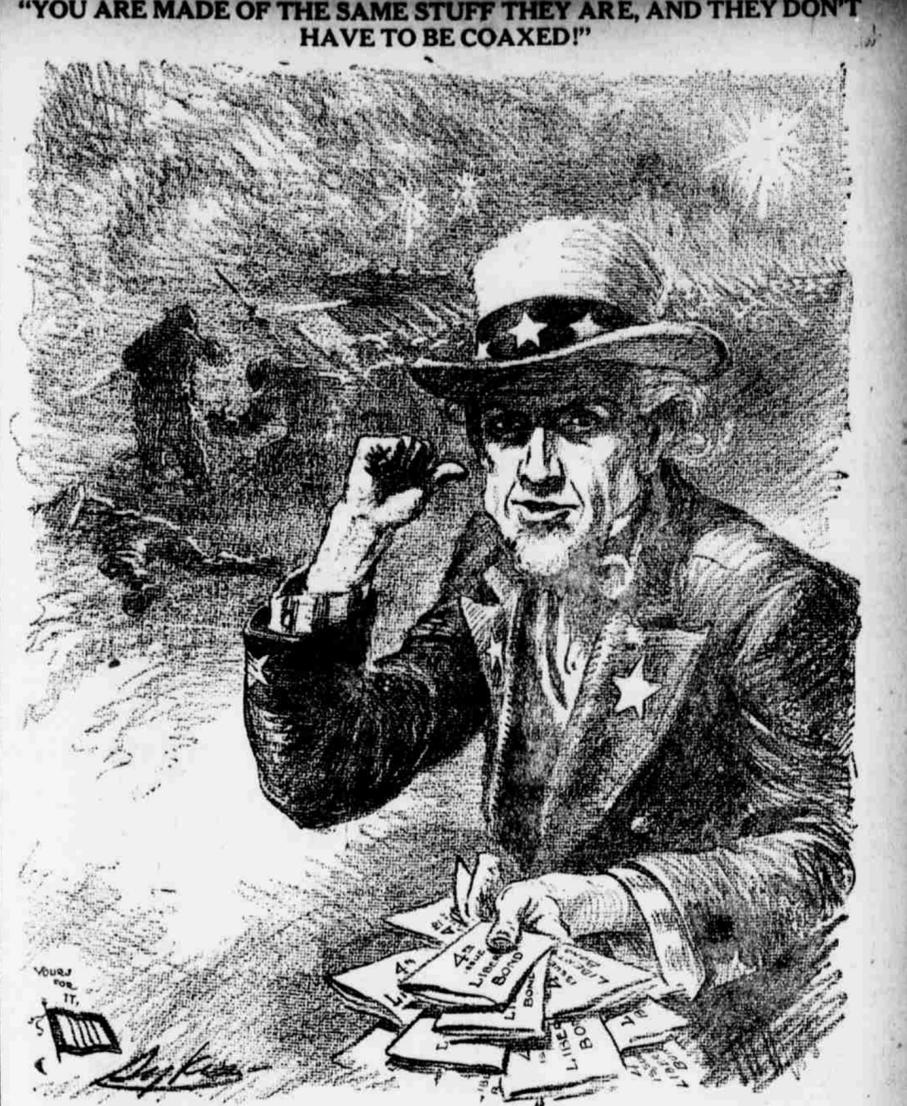
THE READER'S VIEWPOINT Plan to Tax Land Apart From Improvements To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—in the leading editorial of your issue of Wednesday, October 2, you refer to the lack of preparation that is being made for peace, and especially you raise the question whether we cannot employ our enormous capacities in the work of solving the problems of peaceful progress.

THE READER'S VIEWPOINT (Continued) It seems to me that most of our troubles have arisen from the granting of special privileges, and that many troubles would soon disappear if the privileges were repealed or—what is much the same thing—taxed for their full value. The status and the school system are local questions, and the first at least has to do with the land laws that put such a penalty on improvements, the taxing of the tax actually increasing with the value of the improvements on a particular piece of land. Obviously, to tax improvements on a piece of land, is to tax the ground of the land.

THE READER'S VIEWPOINT (Continued) The tax rate on real estate is about 2 per cent; the land value remaining is the capitalization of the product from the land after this tax is taken out. If the rate of capitalization is 5 per cent, indicating that the owner of the land still receives 5 per cent of the assessed value after paying 2 per cent on that assessment. Now it would be a positive advantage in many ways—independently of the income derived—if 4 per cent more of the present assessment were to be taken in taxes. (I emphasize present because, with a great increase in taxes, the land value would enormously fall, making it more easy, for those who desire to make improvements, to buy the land.) With the amount of taxes from land values made three times what they are now, the rate on improvements could be decidedly reduced, probably as low as 1 per cent, one per cent being the rate for protecting the buildings from fire and burglary.

THE READER'S VIEWPOINT (Continued) What has been said of land titles can be said of all other franchises. If they have present value, they can be taxed to the advantage of the community, be taxed 4 per cent on that present selling value. There is much to be said in favor of the repeal of all special privileges, just as we are now abolishing tolls on wagon roads; but if we permit the holders of these privileges to retain the titles to them, the toll collectors should be allowed to buy the titles. With the enormous increase in the income of our city, the school teachers could be paid salaries equal to those paid in other professions.

THE READER'S VIEWPOINT (Continued) As has been said thousands of times, if we can take our men and send them to die for their country, it is little enough to ask the beneficiaries of special privileges to pay for such privileges. H. C. W. Philadelphia, October 2.



WHAT A CONGRESSMAN SEES Semi-weekly Letter Touching on the Washington Doings of Personalities Familiar to Philadelphians By J. Hampton Moore

GOING to the Capital Issues Committee for permission to issue bonds or other securities is perplexing to city, State and county officials who seek to raise money for public improvements. Some of them who come to Washington are inclined to think the law is a little severe, but for patriotic reasons they generally suppress the irritation that results from their inability to get what they want.

PENNSYLVANIA, New York and Illinois paid approximately one-half of all the taxes collected by the Government for war purposes in the fiscal year 1918. When this fact was brought to the attention of the House during the debate on the revenue bill, there were representatives from southern and western States who blandly observed that instead of complaining of the three States mentioned should be proud of the distinction conferred upon them by the other States and Territories.

AT THE office of the adjutant general and judge advocate general of the army they are paying high tribute to the lawyers of America. So many of them have applied for service that, as one high official expressed it: "No one can ever deny the patriotism of the legal profession. We have simply been overwhelmed with the applications of lawyers for every branch of the service. For this reason the department is now compelled to make investigations and pick the best men. Political influence does not go." It is also noteworthy that the sons of lawyers are numerous in the service or in seeking to get in. Ex-Judge William W. Porter, Prothonotary Henry F. Walton, ex-Congressman J. Washington Logue, E. Clinton Rhoads, Edmund Randall, Alfred S. Miller, Judge Norris S. Barratt, J. E. M. Keller, formerly Assistant City Treasurer, and Register of Wills Jacob Singer are among the many whose sons are "over there."

DOCTOR ROBERT N. KEELY, of Browns Mills in the Pines, and his friends of the Art Club will be glad to know that Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, the discoverer of the North Pole, is getting better. The Admiral has been laid up at his Maine home all summer and to a certain extent the work of the Aero Club of America, of which he is the head, has been retarded. The disclosures in connection with the \$640,000,000 appropriation for aircraft production were made during the Admiral's absence. They tended to prove the wisdom of the Aero Club contention that aviation should be placed under the control of one man, a program for which Peary earnestly strove before he was taken sick. In addition to Doctor Keely, there were several Philadelphians

claims Milford, Pa., as a place of residence, and William T. Crosby, secretary of the Dairyman's Association, who was formerly "Farmer" Crosby, of the Pennsylvania Legislature. These two men are pretty close to the political situation and their recent interest in a foreign tour has excited comment. Pincot is a man of wealth, with a fine home in Washington, where he sometimes entertains the farmer delegates. His trip to Europe is said to be to study farm conditions there. Along with Amos Pincot, these delegates have been favoring a proposal to take for war purposes all individual incomes above \$100,000. The farmers' organizations, like the labor unions, are well entrenched in Washington, and it is said they have in contemplation the erection of a large temple or meeting place for permanent legislative activities on the order of the American Federation of Labor headquarters.

PENNSYLVANIANS who drift into Washington on other than war business and who unconsciously lapse into politics say the gubernatorial and congressional fights will not be the only ones worth watching. They say the Brumbaugh appointees may look for serious opposition. Justices Simpson and Fox will be candidates, but the names of Kephart and Lennihan are also brought forward. To what extent campaign work is being done is not stated, but there is reason to believe that friends of the sitting members cannot afford to ignore the rumors that are floating about.

Castles in Spain I have only those barren acres, The ocean, the day, and the plow. But ever to greet my labor, A memory of our vow? There is blue in the skies above me, A smell of froth in the air, There is joy abroad at my heart strings, Because I know that you care! And always I sing at my plowing, For some day when dream come true, The evening shall show me my treasure, The home of my dreams—and you. —Nina Moore Jamieson, in the Toronto Mail.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. How many registration days a year are there for Philadelphia voters? 2. What is the correct pronunciation of Lille? 3. What is a fishlet? 4. By whom were the North and South Poles respectively discovered? 5. Who wrote "The Song of the Shiloh"? 6. What is a postilion? 7. For some day when dream come true, the evening shall show me my treasure. The home of my dreams—and you. —Nina Moore Jamieson, in the Toronto Mail.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Lille is the largest city of France still in the hands of the enemy. 2. A dumstrait is a governing body composed of members of both houses of a legislature. 3. Halloween is the evening of October 31, traditionally All Hallows' or All Saints' Day. The word means Halloween Evening. The original name of the festival was Samhain, a feast of the dead, which has since become a feast of the living. 4. The ancient sport of falconry, also called hawk-hunting, consisted in hunting with trained falcons or hawks, wearing a special hood. The rules of the sport were carefully developed. Only the female birds were employed by the medieval knights. The hawk-hunting birds were called noble falcons; the short-winged, insensible. 5. Tansel is a name for a Hittite name who had a revolt against French rule in the latter part of the 13th century. He attempted to gain possession of the island, but was defeated. He was killed in the French invasion of the island. 6. The French Revolution was a French Revolution which took place in France, where it led to 1804. 7. "Fall promiscuity" is French for "accommodation fact." It is a phrase used often in diplomacy to discuss a subject as no longer worth argument. 8. "Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is stranger than you can imagine." The truth is such in from Mark Twain's "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." 9. Prince Maximilian of Mexico was executed by the French in 1867. 10. The name of the city is not given.

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